

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 were examined and reported in the Office Action. Claims 12 and 13 are allowed. Claims 1 and 2 are cancelled. Claims 3 and 11 are amended. Claims 3 - 13 remain.

Claims 1, 2 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ran et al., in view of Rackett. In response, Applicant has cancelled Claims 1 and 2 and has amended Claim 11 to depend from claim 3, which has been rewritten to be in independent form.

Claims 3 and 11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim 1, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitation of the base claim 1 and any intervening claims. In response, Applicant has rewritten Claim 3 in independent form since, as noted by the Examiner, Claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim 1 and any intervening claims.

It is noted that the motion estimation skip unit of canceled Claim 1 is not in amended Claim 3. However, since this element corresponds to the motion compensator and skip determiner of Claim 3, Applicant submits that the essential elements of Claim 3, rewritten in independent form are contained in Claim 3, as amended.

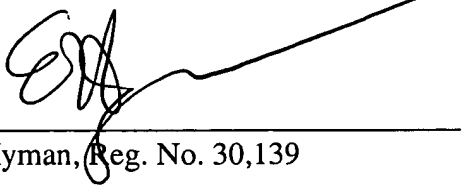
Claims 12-13 are indicated as being allowable.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all outstanding requirements have been complied with and the claims pending for examination, namely claims 3 – 13 are now in condition for allowance, which early action is requested.

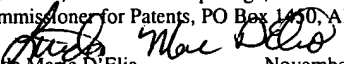
If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

Respectfully submitted,
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